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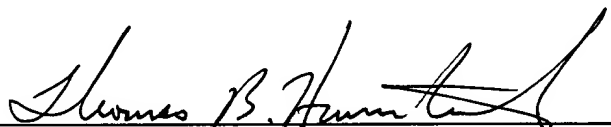
- U.S. Patent No. 5,732,216;
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- Chung-Hsien Wu, et al., "Speech Activated Telephony Email Reader (SATER) Based on Speaker Verification and Text-To-Speech Conversion", Institute of Information Engineering, IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, Vol. 43, No. 3, August 1997, pgs. 707-716;
- Cristina Delogu, et al., "Spectral Analysis of Synthetic Speech and Natural Speech with Noise Over the Telephone Line", Istituto Superiore Poste e Telecomunicazioni, v.le Europa 190, 00144 Roma, pg. 1409-1412; and

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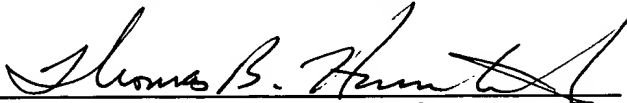
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